

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br><b>4 August 1958</b>   |  | 2. LOCATION<br><b>Rapid City, South Dakota</b>  |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local _____<br>GMT <b>04/1624Z</b>  |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  |  |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   |  | 6. SOURCE<br><b>Military &amp; Civilian</b>   |  |  |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br><b>5-10 sec</b>   |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br><b>one</b>  |  | 9. COURSE<br><b>South</b>  |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><b>Round or disc shaped obj, size of basketball, white. One observer rptd halo effect surrounding obj. Obj traveled straight &amp; level &amp; disappeared instantaneously to south.</b> |  |   |  | 11. COMMENTS<br><b>Possibly turning a/c with sun in proper position to highlight maneuver.</b>   |  |

Multi 011/162427 Ref (REFLECTION) 7

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PP RJEDSQ

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P 052338Z

FM COMBOMWG 28

TO RJEDDN/COMADC

RJWZGU/COMAIRDIV 29

RJEDSQ/COMATIC

RJEPHQ/ASST CHIEF OF STAFF INTELL WASH DC

RJEDPHQ/OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES HQ USAF

RJWZKN/COMAF 15

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UNCLAS DOI 8-13844 SUBJECT: UFO. IN COMPLIANCE WITH AIR FORCE  
REGULATION 210-2, DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1958, AS AMENDED THE  
FOLLOWING UFO REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

A. DESCRIPTION:

- (1) THREE OBSERVERS REPORTED ROUND, TWO REPORTED DISC SHAPE.
- (2) SIZE OF BASKETBALL HELD AT ARMS LENGTH.
- (3) WHITE
- (4) ONE
- (5) N/A
- (6) NONE

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(7) ONE OBSERVER REPORTED HALO EFFECT SURROUNDING OBJECT. NO OTHER  
TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST.

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. COURSE.

(1) WATCHING AIRCRAFT AND OBJECT CROSSED FIELD OF VISION.

(2) APPROXIMATELY FORTY-FIVE (45) DEGREES/APPROX ZERO <sup>North</sup> ( ) DEGREES.

(3) APPROXIMATELY THIRTY (30) DEGREES/APPROX ONE NINE ZERO <sup>South</sup> (190) DEGREES).

(4) STRAIGHT AND LEVEL

(5) INSTANTANEOUS TO SOUTH

(6) FIVE TO TEN SECONDS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION.

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE.

(1) 041624Z AUG 58 ~~0024-08~~ = ~~0024-08~~ 0974

(2) DAY

5. 44 DEGREES 55 MINS 34 SECONDS N, 103 DEGREES 12 MINS 51 SECS W

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DOWN TOWN RAPID CITY

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F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS.

(1) [REDACTED], 37, [REDACTED] STREET, RAPID CITY, SOUTH

MRS [REDACTED] 34, [REDACTED] STREET, RAPID CITY, SOUTH  
DAKOTA, HOUSEWIFE.

[REDACTED] 29, [REDACTED] STREET, RAPID CITY, SOUTH  
DAKOTA, HOUSEWIFE.

[REDACTED], (12), [REDACTED] STREET, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, N/A.

(2) [REDACTED], CAPTAIN, 77TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, ELLSWORTH  
AFB, SOUTH DAKOTA, ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES OPERATOR, COMPLETELY  
RELIABLE?

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT.

(1) CAVU. 0 CLOUDS IN SIGHT

(2) SURFACE-<sup>N</sup>350/10; 6000-<sup>NNW</sup>340/11; 10,000-<sup>N</sup>250/17; 16,000-<sup>W</sup>270/37;  
20,000-<sup>W</sup>270/33; 30,000-<sup>WSW</sup>250/67; 50,000-<sup>WSW</sup>250/36; 80,000-<sup>E</sup>100/10.

(2) UNLIMITED

(4) 40 MILES

(5) ZERO

(6) NONE

H. NONE

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I. 74TH AC&W, LOCAL CONTROL TOWER AND 54TH FIS QUERIED RELATIVE  
TO SIGHTING. NEGATIVE RESULTS EXCEPT AS INDICATED IN PAR-  
GRAPH (J) BELOW.

J. SIX AIRCRAFT FLYING IN LOCAL AREA-NO FIGHTERS, ALTITUDE UNKNOWN,  
V VARIOUS DIRECTIONS.

K. ACTING CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, 28TH BOMBARDMENT WING. WAS  
NOTIFIED OF REPORT AND IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED ALL OBSERVERS.

ALL OBSERVERS PRESENT IN ONE GROUP AT TIME OF SIGHTING. ALTHOUGH

IT WAS NOT SO STATED, IT WAS APPARENT THAT [REDACTED] HAD  
CAUTIONED ALL OBSERVERS TO NOTE DETAILS CAREFULLY. THEY WERE AWARE  
THAT AIRCRAFT WERE FLYING IN THE AREA AT THE TIME BUT ARE  
CONVINCED THAT THE OBJECT WAS NOT AN AIRCRAFT. ALL STATED THEY  
WERE UNABLE TO NOTE MANY DETAILS DUE TO EXTREME SPEED,  
ESTIMATED BY [REDACTED] AT APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND KNOTS.  
HE BELIEVES THE OBJECT WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE FOURTH MILE DISTANT  
AT APPROXIMATELY THREE THOUSAND FEET ALTITUDE. ALL OBSERVERS  
WERE SINCERE AND HIGHLY IMPRESSED WITH SIGHTING. ALL HAD  
HESITATED TO REPORT SIGHTING FOR FEAR OF RIDICULE. WEATHER  
BALLON HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AT APPROXIMATELY

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THE SAME TIME OF SIGHTING BUT DIRECTION FROM OBSERVATION POINT WAS  
NOT INCONSONANCE WITH DIRECTION OF FIRST SIGHTING AS REPORTED BY  
[REDACTED] WHO HAS HAD NAVIGATION TRAINING AND IS TRAINED  
COMBAT CREW MEMBER. SIGHTING POSSIBLY CAUSED BY TURNING AIRCRAFT  
WHICH WAS AT GREATER DISTANCE THAN ESTIMATED BY OBSERVERS. SUN  
WAS IN PROPER POSITION TO HIGHLIGHT BANKING AIRCRAFT EAST OF  
OBSERVERS AS THE OBJECT WAS REPORTED TO BE.

L. NONE

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